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Honorable Frank Lobiondo  
2427 Rayburn House Office Building  
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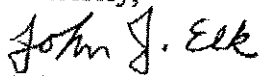
Dear Congressman Lobiondo

We are writing on behalf of Elsinboro Township, in reference to the Oakwood Beachfront Project. As you are well aware, Elsinboro Township has been unsuccessful in attempting to secure funds for our Beachfront Project for the last 8 years. Our residents continue to suffer from floods and storm damage on an ongoing basis with no relief in sight. Since 1996 we have lost an estimated seven feet of sand due to erosion.

After discussion with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it has come to our attention that Elsinboro Township may be eligible for construction of a project which would significantly reduce the threat of future flooding under the Corps Continuing Authorities Program's Section 204 Beneficial Reuse of Dredged Material.

It is our understanding the Corps could place dredged sand which meets environmental and state standards from federally funded dredging projects on Oakwood Beach. This sand would thereby significantly reduce the areas susceptibility to further flooding and coastal storm damage. The Township Committee supports this additional approach to building a shore protection project at Oakwood Beach and we encourage you to request this authorization be included in the next Water Resources Development Act. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John J. Elk  
Mayor



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